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Sir:

In response to the non-final **Office Action** mailed **December 27, 2005** ("Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 7.

Applicants believe that no further fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. Any fees required for further extensions of time and any fees for the net addition of claims are hereby authorized to be charged to **IBM Deposit Account No. 09-0458** (Fishkill).